

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 88

By McDonald

A RESOLUTION to honor Bethpage Elementary School of Sumner County on being named a 2010 National Blue Ribbon School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly pause to pay tribute to those educational institutions that, through unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have earned state and national recognition; and

WHEREAS, one such exemplary institution is Bethpage Elementary School in Sumner County, which was recently named a 2010 National Blue Ribbon School, a very selective and distinguished honor that is presented annually in November by the U.S. Department of Education; and

WHEREAS, commending the very best, the Blue Ribbon School designation is only awarded to those public and private schools whose students either attain very high levels of achievement on nationally-normed tests or who make significant progress in closing achievement gap levels, especially among disadvantaged students; and

WHEREAS, Bethpage is a school where students have made significant progress in academic achievement, and its students have scored at a rate that places it among the top schools in Tennessee, as it received A grades in every TCAP assessment area: Math, Reading/Language, Social Studies, Science and 5th grade Writing; and

WHEREAS, under the dynamic leadership of Principal Bill Johnson, the faculty, administration, and staff at Bethpage Elementary School have built a safe environment that encourages students to pursue success daily through a challenging curriculum; and

WHEREAS, their school's selection as a National Blue Ribbon school is a tremendous source of pride for the administration, teachers, students and parents of the Bethpage community, as well as for the citizens of Sumner County; and

WHEREAS, the dedication to academic excellence demonstrated by all the fine individuals affiliated with Bethpage Elementary is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Principal Bill Johnson and the faculty, staff and students of Bethpage Elementary School in Sumner County on being named a 2010 National Blue Ribbon School by the United States Department of Education and extend to them our best wishes for every continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy